

Examiner's Amendments

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Telephonic Interview Summary

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicant's Attorney T. Ling Chwang on August 22, 2011.

Amendments to the Claims

In Claim 1 line 1, insert --interpenetrating polymer network of mono-dispersed-- after hydrogel.

In Claim 1 line 7, insert --mono-dispersed-- before nanoparticles.

In Claim 5 line 2, in Claim 18 line 2, and in Claim 32 line 2, delete "(Tg)" and insert --(Tg)-- in its place.

In claim 14 line 2, delete "form a total polymer having a concentration range" and insert --have a total polymer concentration in the range of-- in its place, and line 3 delete "in distilled water".

In Claim 15 line 1, delete "(IPN)" and insert --(IPN)-- in its place.

In Claim 15 step (b) line 2, delete "forming" and insert --to form-- in its place.

In Claim 15 step (d) line 5 insert --wherein the IPN nanoparticles are substantially free of a core-shell configuration-- after second polymer.

In Claim 23 line 4, delete "(SDS)" and insert --(SDS)-- in its place.

In Claim 29 line 2 delete "(IPN)" and insert --(IPN) of mono-dispersed-- in its place, and in line 3 (a) delete "a" and insert --an aqueous-- in its place.

In Claim 29 step (c) line 2, delete "forming" and insert --to form-- in its place.

In Claim 29 step (c) line 5, delete " a shell and core polymer configuration" (duplicate).

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In Claim 35 line 2, delete "(EDAC)" and insert --(EDAC)-- in its place.

In Claim 41 line 1, delete "(IPN)" and insert --(IPN) of mono-dispersed-- in its place.

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